

HOUSE RESOLUTION 191
By Langster

A RESOLUTION to honor Assistant Chief Johnnie Griggs, Jr., of
the metropolitan police department on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in
their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion;
and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Griggs, Jr., is one such outstanding person who has served with
alacrity and acuity for 35 years with the Nashville - Davidson County Metropolitan Police
Department; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Griggs, Jr., exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is
characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, for the past 30 years, Johnnie Griggs, Jr., has generously lead a group of
police to provide food and toys to the needy families of Nashville; this past December, food and
toys were delivered to approximately 600 children; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Griggs also served in the United States Navy for two terms;
and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Griggs, Jr., is an active and vital part of the community and his
profession; he was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Metropolitan Nashville Police
Department on May 1, 1967 ; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Griggs was later promoted to the rank of major and placed over the patrol division on September 1, 1988, but this would only be for a very short time because on October 1, 1989, he was again promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief of the Uniform Services Bureau; and

WHEREAS, a promotion from Major to Assistant Chief in just one short year is a miraculous feat; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Griggs and his wife of many years, Ruth, along with their son Nathan are residents of Goodlettsville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Griggs, Jr., is known by all to have a great love for softball and all of the Youth Leagues at Shelby Park, where one might see him riding the lawnmower, cutting the grass before the games and doing what ever it takes to make sure the children of this city may play ball in a safe, well-cared-for area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griggs' adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Assistant Chief Johnnie Griggs, Jr., our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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